

Charleston Red, White, & Blue Parade

PARADE RULES & REGULATIONS

RWB Days Parade is a family entertainment event; any entries not in compliance with a family-friendly theme, as deemed by a member of the parade committee, will not be permitted to participate in the parade.

Theme

- All entrants and floats must have a patriotic theme and be decorated in such manner as to reflect the nature of the parade.
- Music is encouraged and must be family friendly. Please keep music at a level that does not interfere with other entries on either side of you and be prepared to adjust the volume if requested.

Rules and Regulations

- Parade entries may not deviate from the approved applications, or they will be subject to removal from the parade. (If your float has a sound system, speakers, band, noisy generator or other loud noise when you arrive for the parade, and you did not indicate such in the application, you may be asked to cease the noise. We do not want to place your entry next to another entry with music or loud noise or next to an entry with animals.)
- All parade entries must observe parade rules and regulations, and local, state, and federal laws.
- Riders on the roof or hood of vehicles are not permitted.
- Continuous blowing of loud horns or sirens is prohibited.
- The parade organizers reserve the right to inspect and approve any items (including fliers or other printed paper products) distributed during the parade.

Float Specifications

- Each entry or unit leader shall accept responsibility for the conduct/behavior of its respective members and parade participants.
- Entries must maintain a distance not to exceed 20-30 feet (1 car length) between each parade entry and remain in the center of the street. All entries must be mindful of the distance between entries in front and behind them and strive to maintain proper distance and speed accordingly.
- Parade units must at all times keep an "all forward motion" and not stop unless it is required to keep a safe distance from the unit ahead.

- Performing groups should choreograph routines to maintain forward movement at the parade pace.
- All vehicles must be in good, legal, working condition and operated by a licensed driver, over the age of 18, who is to remain with the vehicle from call time through the end of the parade. All drivers must have and provide, upon request by parade officials or police, proof of insurance as required by the State of Illinois. Drivers must also possess a valid driver's license.
- All animals must have: prior parade/crowd experience; a pooper-scooper to clean up after any messes; be secured by a leash/reins and in control of an adult handler over the age of 18 who is in possession of a copy of their insurance policy at all times.

Safety

- A parade coordinator will evaluate/inspect/reject each parade entry (floats, cars, novelty parade entries) on site to determine appropriateness into the parade and any possible safety/health risks. Upon acceptance, all entries must agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the Parade Committee.
- For safety, distribution of candy and/or giveaways must be done by walkers, not thrown from floats or other types of entries--items may not be thrown into the crowd. All items must be given HAND-TO-HAND at the curb by walking along the parade route next to spectators. It is very dangerous for spectators to run into the street for candy or other hand-outs.
- No parade participant should jump on or off of moving vehicle at any time.
- All entries shall have at least 2 people over the age of 18 (one on either side) to walk with the float as a safety precaution for encroaching children. This is necessary to ensure the safety of bystanders, particularly as the vehicle negotiates turns near the crowds. This will be strictly enforced.
- Two banner/sign carriers will be allowed per entry. The banner carriers are not included in the escort personnel count.
- All vehicles and float entrants will be required to provide for the security around their entrant while the vehicle/float is in the parade.